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SUBJECT: FUNERAL OF PRIME MINISTER FIAME MATA'AFU II

1. U.S. EMBASSY WELLINGTON HAS ADVISED THAT PRIME MINISTER MATA'AFU OF WESTERN SAMOA DIED SUDDENLY, AND THAT FUNERAL WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN MATTER OF HOURS.

2. THIS MESSAGE DESIGNATES GOVERNOR EARL RUTH AS THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE FUNERAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER.

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CONDOLENCE MESSAGE WHICH YOU SHOULD DELIVER TO THE CHIEF OF STATE, MALIETOA TANUMAFILI II, UPON YOUR ARRIVAL IN APIA:

BEGIN QUOTE

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I WAS DEEPLY DISTRESSED TO LEARN OF THE PASSING OF PRIME MINISTER MATA'AFU. ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I WANT TO EXPRESS TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF WESTERN SAMOA MY PROFOUND SORROW AT THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF YOUR

RESPECTED PRIME MINISTER. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END  
QUOTE.

4. IF FOR ANY REASON YOU ARE UNABLE TO ACCOMPLISH  
TRAVEL TO WESTERN SAMOA TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL, YOU SHOULD  
NOTIFY STATE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY. INGERSOLL

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